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(Case No. 01-1545)

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In the Application of:)

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For: Pulp Moulding Process and Related System)

Examiner: TBA

Group Art Unit: TBA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks before examination on the merits.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-19.

Please add the following new claims:

20. (New) A pulp moulding process including the steps of preparing pulp stock; forming pulp products by means of a forming die; and delivering the pulp products to a down-line facility, the process being characterized in that wet pulp products are transferred from the forming die by means of a first die element of a heated transferring die-and-heated pressing tool arrangement, comprising a first die element and a second die element, having a mould cavity therebetween, simultaneously pressed and dried in the